

The Mariposa carried away 6138 letters and newspapers.

Judge Hart of the Third Judicial Circuit Court is on a visit to this city.

Silk plushes, all shades, with fringes to match, at B. F. Ehler's & Co.

The American bark Ceylon took a large quantity of salt beef and pork on Monday to Hongkong.

The two steamers, the Kilanea Hou and the Likelike, are having new boilers made for them by the Honolulu Iron Works.

Some thief robbed the butcher's shop till on Hotel St. on Saturday and got away with \$100.

Three thousand feet of hose has been ordered by the Fire Department from San Francisco.

Miles Bros. have sent their stallion King William back to San Francisco. He went on the Mariposa.

In the absence of Governor Dominis from this island, the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, will act as Governor of Oahu.

A house belonging to Mr. Sam Parker is reported to have been destroyed by fire at Honolulu on Thursday last.

The Minister of Finance has appointed Mr. John Ritson Clerk in the Finance Office. He has entered upon his duties.

Close to the line, the Bishop was in company with an American vessel from New York bound for San Francisco. Name unknown.

George Bell, a contract employee of Mr. Wilder, was fined \$15 last week for his third attempt at desertion from the vessel on which he is employed.

Mr. H. J. Reynolds has been appointed Surveyor and Guard for the Collection District of Waialua and port of Kahului, East Maui, vice M. E. Newton, deceased.

The following are the shipments of sugar made by the Mariposa: T. H. Davis & Co., 3,654 bags; W. G. Irwin & Co., 3,036 bags and 738 kegs; Castle & Cooke, 2,613 bags.

The funds of the boat clubs were largely increased by the kindness of the Government, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Dayton in recognition of their services when the El Dorado was on the reef.

Messrs. Dillingham & Co. have just sold to Minister Gulick one of those fine magnesium fire-proof safes, of which they are the agents for these islands. The safe weighs about 1000 pounds, and is to be placed in Mr. Gulick's private residence.

Chief Justice Judd on Tuesday made an order on Justice Bickerton of the Police Court, to send up to the Supreme Court in Banco, the record and proceedings in the case of W. C. Peacock vs. H. J. Lovjoy and H. R. Macfarlane, assignees in bankruptcy of E. M. Nordberg, former proprietor of the Anchor Saloon.

The C. B. Bishop, after a long voyage of 160 days from Bremen, anchored safely in this port last Tuesday. She had on board 17 German laborers to work on the Paia plantation, and eleven hundred tons of assorted cargo. From the line to Cape Horn she had a rough trip. A synopsis of her voyage will be found in our shipping columns.

The new brick building close to the Government House, intended for various offices, has the inscription "Honolulu Lihui Kala-hana, 1884." The first words mean "increase the nation." Another inscription to be placed on the building will be "Kapuni-wa." This signifies the ninth flower or the ninth in descent, and was the popular name of Kamehameha the 5th among the Hawaiians.

The American fore and aft schooner Nora Hawkins which left here last week for Kauai, Ranai, with lumber for C. H. Z. S. Spaulding, nearly went ashore at North Anahola, Kauai. The captain wisely sent a message overland to the steamer Janus Makee which was at the time at Hanalei, to come and tow her out to a safer anchorage. The Janus Makee arrived in time to save her. Her bottom was striking the rocks and so close to the shore, that a bystander could almost have jumped from the vessel to the shore. She was however towed out and anchored safely.

#### Mr. Dodd's Birthday.

The Hon. James Dodd was greeted on the 33th anniversary of his birth Tuesday by a royal serenade. The Hawaiian Band are very fond of Mr. Dodd, for he has often accommodated them. The following classical programme was rendered: "Peekahoo," "Oh, My Little Darling, I Love You," "Baby Mine," "Hush Thee, My Baby," "Baby do not Weep," and "It's Nice to be a Father." Mr. Dodd was born on the 16th September, 1846, in Belfast, Ireland. He came to America in 1855. He served during the American Civil war for four years, and was imprisoned for five months. He came to these islands in 1869, and has been here 15 years last August. By his indomitable energy he has built up a big reputation for pluck and conserved a private character, which has never been assailed. His business enterprises are well known to all resi-

dents here, and we are glad to hear that Mr. Dodd had a very pleasant birthday. We don't believe that the Royal Hawaiian Band played any such a programme as we have printed, and imagine that our informant yesterday wanted to hoax us, but the Band will back us up in stating that they had an elegant time after the serenade was finished at 9 A. M.

#### Fire.

The store of A. S. Cleghorn & Co., at Lahaina, Maui, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday evening the 13th instant. It was impossible to bring water on the fire and the store was a total loss. The building and contents were insured for \$6,000. The loss is about \$9,000, as we are informed. The origin of the fire was the bursting of a kerosene lamp, which caused a great outbreak of flames at once. An attempt was made to put out the fire by means of blankets, but without success. One after another the loose articles of dry goods hanging about the store were consumed and soon the flames drove everyone out of the place. The Manager and his wife, who were a short distance away from where the accident occurred, were unable to save their clothing from the bed-room adjoining the store.

#### Mr. Kapena's Departure.

His Excellency the Minister of Finance, Hon. John M. Kapena and family left on Tuesday per S.S. Iwalani for a trip to Kauai. He has gone there for his health after his recent illness. His Majesty the King, H. R. H. the Governor of Hawaii, His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs W. M. Gibson, Hon. W. F. Allen, Hon. Curtis P. Lauka and many other friends were present at the departure of the steamer. Mr. Kapena will probably stay three or four weeks at the residence of His Excellency Governor Kanoo. We wish him a safe return and thorough restoration of health.

#### Duck Farming.

Not a few Chinese make a good living raising ducks wholesale for this market. Hundreds of them are hatched by artificial heat, and fed for a few weeks and then sold. They appreciate as rapidly in price as any fowl can, being worth a dollar a dozen when not more than one week old, and a dollar apiece six weeks afterwards. Out at Kapalama a Chinaman has at least eight hundred ducks of all ages and sizes. He finds a ready market for them.

#### Carp Pond is.

The experiment of raising carp here as a food-fish seems to be meeting with a fair share of success. Mr. Henry Macfarlane's stock ponds have furnished some fine specimens, and new ponds are now being dug in the tule lands at Waikiki.

#### Bananas.

This fine fruit grows more abundantly and cheaply every year, and it is a good thing that this is so, for there is no more healthful and nourishing fruit to be had. Water-melons, too, abound, and in this hot, summer weather are gratefully cool and pleasant to the palate.

#### Our Library.

The following are the latest donations to our Honolulu Free Public Library: Carson's Compendium, 16 vols., from Hon. S. B. Dole; United States Congressional Globe, 5 vols., from W. C. Purke, Esq.; Mark Twain's Life on the Mississippi, from Mr. Severance; of Hilo; from Dr. Rodgers, two volumes of the United States Interior Department Reports, containing Captain Dutton's Reports on Hawaiian Volcanoes and on the Physical Geology of the Grand Cañon District; from Mr. Baty, Rand, McNally & Co.'s Universal Atlas.

#### Went in Swimming.

A gentleman, who wanted to enjoy a fresh sea bath at Waikiki last Sunday, as a natural matter of necessity, had to go there. His backman being kindly hearted only charged him \$4 for the trip, besides bandaging his legs and carrying him into the house after he came home. The patient is getting better but he carries fifty scars and says he never wants to strike a coral reef again.

#### Resignation.

Hon. W. F. Allen, for twenty years Collector of Customs at this port, tendered his resignation last week, and it was accepted by the Minister of Finance. The announcement appears "by authority" in another column. Mr. Allen has been always highly respected by all who know him for his ability and integrity.

#### The Rice Crop.

From the appearance of the rice fields near Honolulu it may be predicted that the crop now nearly ripe will be a large one. The war between France and China will probably advance the price of this important cereal, and ensure the growers good returns for their labor.

#### Maona Valley.

A short trip into Maona Valley last week showed that pretty much all of the available land and water is under cultivation, principally for taro. Abundant showers keep the upper part of the valley looking fresh and green, and the pasturage in fine order.

#### Another Well.

The drill at work in the artesian well now being bored in one of Goo Kim's rice fields at Waikiki, Waena, has reached a depth of over three hundred feet, and the workmen expect to strike water very soon.

#### The English Man-of-War.

H. B. M. S. Constance arrived Wednesday afternoon from Mahukona. She has left here on the 2nd September for Hilo with H. B. M. S. Commissioner on board, and she arrived there on the 8th. The captain and five officers went up to the crater of Kilanea. They state that she is very active and promises another eruption. On Monday the 8th, they sailed for Kealahou Bay to see the tomb of Captain Cook. On Wednesday they left for Mahukona again, and arrived there on the evening of the same day. Parenthetically it may be remarked that the Constance came back here without a pilot. During the short time that the man-of-war was in the port of Mahukona, Major J. H. Wodehouse, British Commissioner and Capt. Doughty with two of their officers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sneyd-Kennersley of Kohala and the rest of the officers were received by Mr. and Mrs. White. The officers speak of Mr. and Mrs. White as untiring in their attempts to entertain them. At Paunohue they were very hospitably entertained by Mrs. Low, in the absence of Mrs. Mary Woods. The officers speak in glowing terms of the kindness and hospitality which they received wherever they went and speak of their hosts in the highest terms possible.

#### A Test for Butter.

"Every housekeeper should know how to tell oleo-margarine from butter," said a Washington market-dealer to a reporter. "The market is full of bogus butter, so skilfully made that it cannot be told from the genuine article by the eye or the tongue. To detect it market men draw the blade of a knife across the suspected butter. If it is oleo-margarine the places where the knife was pressed will look white, and the track of the blade will be marked with little beads of water. When the test is made with genuine butter the white look does not appear, but the butter holds its color." Another test is to drop a piece of the suspected butter into a well-heated fryingpan. If it is oleo-margarine it will sputter, because of the water in it. If it is real butter it will melt and bubble or boil, but not sputter. Any housekeeper can tell the difference.

#### The Calaboose.

In the Police Court Wednesday Ah Sam pleaded guilty of attempting to leave these islands on the British bark Catalina Tuesday without a passport. He was fined \$15 and costs.

A Chinawoman named Ah Shu was committed to the Insane Asylum.

Keapuni was found guilty of being drunk on Tuesday and was fined \$5 and costs.

The four men Kuke, Kealoha, Anka and Aiku arrested for disorderly conduct on Nanihau avenue last Saturday evening, were tried yesterday. Three were found guilty and sentenced severally to one month hard labor and costs of \$1.35. Aiku was discharged.

#### The Unavailable Victim of Wilows.

The charge preferred against Governor Cleveland that he is a seducer is made on its face impossible by the fact that the charge relates to a widow.—New York Evening Post.

For this noble tribute to the virtue of widows those bereaved members of the female sex should be profoundly grateful. It is to be understood hereafter that no woman who has been married and lost her husband by death can by any possibility feel under temptation. The Evening Post has made a valuable discovery if its statement can be relied upon.

#### A Change of Base.

More than one of the vegetable denegars in the vicinity of Honolulu are putting in bananas instead of "garden stuff." As an acre of suitable land will yield (at present rates) about \$500 worth of bananas per annum, the care of which demands the attention of but two men at the most, it is found to be much more profitable to grow the fruit than the vegetables.

#### A Water-Case Decided.

Loo Chit Sam and others claimed before the Water Commissioners of Honolulu, that Wong Kim had diverted water belonging to them to his own use. The Commissioners could not agree with the appellant, and Associate Justice McCully to whom the case was appealed, sustained the Commissioners in their decision. The Chief Justice concurred with Judge McCully.

#### Cruelty to Animals.

The use of the ch-ex-rein fastened to the bit, carried over the horse's head, and hooked on to the "saddle" of the harness, is not only cruel, but positively injurious to the horse. It is in order for the officers of the Society for the Suppression of Cruelty to show their power.

#### Race Affinities.

Around the base of Punchbowl is to be found a colony of Portuguese, who naturally draw together in this strange land, and there they distinguish themselves by the neatness of their dwellings, the growth of pretty (if common) flowers, and a general air of thrift which is lacking on the part of many of their neighbors.

#### Grace.

"How many of your parents, children, say grace?" asked the Sunday school teacher. "Please, mum, what's them?" asked an over-grown girl in a last year's hat. "Why, Maggie!" exclaimed the teacher, "is it possible you don't know what grace is. Doesn't your father say something before you begin to eat?" "Oh!" responded the girl with a glow of intelligence, "yes, mum, he does. He always says: 'Don't make hogs of yourselves; that's all the butter there is in the house.'"

#### Serpent Worship.

"It has been suggested, and apparently with some reason," says Mr. Gordon Cumming, "that in ancient pagan times it may have been a recognized symbol in serpent worship, and hence may have arisen its common use as a charm against all manner of evil. The resemblance is obvious, more especially to that species of harmless snake which is rounded at both ends, so that head and tail are apparently just alike. The creature moves backward or forward at pleasure; hence the old belief that it actually had two heads and was indestructible, as even when cut into two parts it was supposed that the divided heads would seek one another and unite. It stands to reason that in a snake-worshipping community such a creature would be held in high reverence. Even in Scotland, various ancient snake-like bracelets and ornaments have been found which seem to favor this theory; and at a very early period both snakes and horse-shoes seem to have been engraven as symbols on sacred stones. We hear of the latter having been sculptured, not only on the threshold of old London houses, but even on that of ancient churches in various parts of Britain. And in the present day we all know the idea of luck connected with finding one, and how constantly they are nailed up on houses, stables, and ships as a charm against witchcraft. In Scotland, all parts of England and Wales, and especially in Cornwall (where not only on vans and omnibuses, but sometimes even on the grim gates of the old jails), we may find this curious trace of ancient superstition. Whatever may have been its origin, it is certainly remarkable that it should survive both in Britain and Hindostan."

#### About Varnish.

The sample room of a dealer in varnish gums is a most interesting place, and the industry itself, aside from its commercial importance, is one which presents points which border on the romantic. In the antipodes, from the sand and soil of New Zealand, the natives are digging out to day lumps of the hardened sap of an almost extinct tree—odd looking masses, that will in due time be converted into varnish to enhance the beauty of a brand new wagon on the Western plains. Away off in Zanzibar negroes dig up African gum—also buried in the sand, a finer grade of article, which, in its finished form, will reflect the features of a New York belle from the surface of her grand piano, or flash from the interior of a Pullman car. Forty or forty-five years ago New York City or Newark, N. J., made all the American varnish demanded, and England reined the market. To-day every city of importance in the land has its varnish works and American varnish is exported to England and to the Continent. New York leads in this industry, closely followed by Newark and by Chicago, as to quantity. The demand for varnish by the piano-making trade and furniture trade is, of course, immense and takes the finest grades of African gum, but this demand is exceeded by the carriage builders, and that in turn by the railways. A single line leading west from this city consumes annually from five thousand to eight thousand barrels varnish and "driers." In cost, to the consumer, varnish ranges from seventy-five cents to \$6 per gallon, the latter price obtaining the pure limpid article, which imparts such a mirror like surface to pianos, furniture, carriage panels, etc. The costliest gums are these from various portions of Africa; the more common grades are mined in New Zealand, where the crude lumps are known as "Kowries," and in the crude form prices range ten cents to \$1.50 per barrel. Apparently the supply is inexhaustible. The digging from the soil of a substance that once existed in a tree is one of the novel features of this industry, and the presence of an imprisoned fly in a mass of gum is suggestive of amber.—Independent Record.

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Tuesday.....April 15.....Friday.....June 6

Friday.....May 2.....Tuesday.....June 17

Tuesday.....May 11.....Friday.....June 27

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Tuesday.....April 22.....Friday.....June 11

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